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NORTON ELECTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ELECTION SYSTEMS

Lieutenant Governor one of three newly elected members to the IFES Board of Directors

(**DENVER**) – The Board of Directors of the International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES) has elected Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton as one of its newest members. Dr. Miguel Angel Rodriguez, former President of Costa Rica (1998-2000), and Jeffrey Glassman, Managing Director of Bingham Legg Advisers, LLC, were also elected to the Board.

"At this critical time in our nation's history, I am honored to join the IFES Board," said Norton. "Their commitment to fostering freedom and democracy worldwide is unparalleled."

IFES provides professional advice and technical assistance in the promotion of democracy worldwide and serves as a resource for information on governance, rule of law, civil society and elections. IFES currently has offices in more than 20 countries, building the infrastructure for free and fair elections, open governance and healthy civil societies.

"These individuals bring to the IFES Board of Directors rich and diverse experiences that will certainly make the organization even stronger in its mission of spreading, supporting and strengthening democracy throughout the world," said William J. Hybl, IFES Chairman. "I am very pleased that they have agreed to contribute their expertise to this most important of tasks."

For more information on IFES activities please refer to their official website at www.ifes.org, or contact Keenan Howell at 202-828-8507 or by email at khowell@ifes.org.

Jane Norton was sworn in as Colorado's 46th Lieutenant Governor on January 13, 2003. Her responsibilities include serving as the chair of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs; acting as point person for the Owens Administration on health insurance reform; strengthening families by promoting adoption, early childhood care and education efforts/initiatives, mentoring and volunteerism; and serving as Colorado's delegate to the Aerospace States Association.